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of a man whose brutal deed has rankled in my breast for twenty years. Go! and remember the tears of a friendless child."

The man bowed his head in shame, and went out from the presence of magnanimity as grand to him as incomprehensible.

**AN EXPERIMENT.**—For many years after the English had seized the territory of the Cape of Good Hope, the natives, especially the athletic and intelligent Caffres, made vain endeavors to recover their lands. Millions of pounds sterling were expended, and some thousands of lives of British subjects lost, in waging an exterminating war upon these patriot savages. But no peace, no security, no diminution of expense, and loss of life, was secured.

About 1855, Sir George Grey, then British Governor of the colony, adopted a new policy. He issued a government proposal to expend \$150,000, a year for the support of Christian Missions among these unconquerable tribes, provided that the various Missionary Societies would expend on Missions among them an equal sum. For many years fifty-fold that expense had been incurred in slaying the Caffres, and ravaging their country. Sir George rightly judged that the introduction of the Gospel would be a cheap process, both as to life and to money; and, what was much more, an effectual tranquillizer, such as years of war had failed to be.

The proposal of Sir George was not fully adopted; but Missions were established, and have wrought a huge change. We hear no more of bloody raids by the natives, on the homes of the settlers; and the cost of the colony to the home government is now but a trifle. H. M.

#### LEAF BY LEAF.

Leaf by leaf the roses fall,  
Drop by drop the springs run dry;  
One by one, beyond recall,  
Summer beauties fade and die;  
But the roses bloom again,  
And the spring will gush anew,  
In the pleasant April rain,  
And the summer sun and dew.

So, in hours of deepest gloom,  
When the springs of gladness fail,  
And the roses in the bloom,  
Droop like maidens wan and pale,  
We shall find some hope that lies  
Like a silent gem apart,  
Hidden far from careless eyes  
In the garden of the heart.

Some sweet hope to gladness wed,  
That will spread afresh and new,  
When grief's winter shall have fled,  
Giving place to rain and dew;  
Some sweet hope that breathes of spring,  
Through the weary, weary time,  
Budding forth its blossoming,  
In the spirit's glorious clime.

#### NATIONAL DEBTS.

England has the greatest indebtedness of any country in the world. Its interest consumed more than one-third of the revenues of the United Kingdom at the time of the Revolution of 1688, and had increased at the death of William III., in 1702, to £15,730,439. On the death of Queen Anne, in 1714, it stood at \$54,145,363. Little more than two millions sterling was paid off during the

reign of George I., and at his death in 1727, it was \$52,092,238. At the end, when William III. became King, the amount was small. Here, in round numbers, is a table of its increase:

Year.	Occasion.	Amount.
1688—	Accession of William III,	£666,000
1702—	" Queen Anne,	16,500,000
1714—	" George I,	54,000,000
1749—	End of Spanish War,	78,000,000
1763—	" Seven Years' War,	139,000,000
1786—	After American War,	268,000,000
1798—	" Irish Rebellion,	462,000,000
1802—	" French War,	571,000,000
1814—	" Fall of Napoleon,	865,000,000
1830		840,000,000
1840		789,000,000
1850		774,000,000
1856—	Close of Russian War,	800,000,000
1868		749,101,428

But, as to this must be added terminable annuities amounting to £47,930,222, the actual debt of England now amounts to £797,031,650, and the interest and cost of management is £26,571,750 per annum. The amount of gross revenue contributed by each man, woman, and child in the British islands is a fraction over £2 8s. (equal to \$12) —an amount which has largely increased since 1841. The share of each individual in the capital of the British national debt is £27 15s. 2d. (equal to \$133.24,) and the annual interest paid by each is 17s. 8d., equal to \$4.24. In round numbers, the British national debt is \$3,985,000,000, against about \$2,500,000,000 due by the United States; but the interest payable is on the British debt \$133,000,000, and on the American, \$130,000,000. The fact is, we pay upon our debt a much heavier interest than is paid by the English upon theirs; it is the difference in the value of money in the two countries. In England, a secured rate of interest so low as three per cent. is accepted; but with us six per cent. is about the lowest that money investments are expected to produce. The civil list, or allowance to the Queen of England and her family, amounts to over \$3,000,000 in gold, in addition to at least twenty royal palaces and parks rent-free, and kept in perfect repair at the public expense. Queen Victoria's private property, chiefly accruing from her own large savings and \$5,000,000 left to her by Prince Albert, is estimated over \$10,000,000. The Prince of Wales receives \$500,000 a year, and his wife's pocket-money is \$50,000 a year. But some of the royal family receive more than the civil list allowance. Thus the Duke of Cambridge (the Queen's cousin) receives \$60,000 a year, besides as much more as commander-in-chief, colonel of a regiment, and ranger of St. James', Green, Hyde, and Richmond Parks, with a palace at Richmond. He also has some valuable perquisites. Apparently the royal principle is to pocket all it can grasp.

The national debt of Greece amounts to about £14,000,000, besides a floating debt of £6,000,000. The amount per head is nearly £18 which is proportionally the heaviest in the world. The national revenue is always much smaller than the expenditure. The income paid to the King Georgos I., (brother of the Princess of Wales,) is £54,860 per annum, of which £12,000 is paid by the Governments of Prussia, France, and England, and £42,860 by the Greeks, and it is only justice to the young king to mention that in September, 1865, he announced his intention of dispensing with a third of the civil list granted him by Greece, in order to relieve the embarrassments of the public treasury. He does not rest on a bed of roses; for from between his accession in November, 1863, and the end of February,